



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of
K. M. Slimak and Robert A. Slimak
Serial No. 09/927,062
Filed: August 10, 2001

Examiner: M. Barr

Art unit: 1762

For: Process of Using Sodium Silicate to Create Fire Retardant Products

Transmittal of Response to Office Action of April 10, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

August 12, 2002

Sir:

In response to Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, the following are enclosed with this transmittal letter:

Election Of Group III With Traverse
Response To Office Action Of 4/10/02
Petition for Extension of Response Within Third Month

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Calculation of Fees:

Extension of Response Within Third Month:

\$460.00

Total fees: \$460.00

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Signed:

Karen M. Slimak

Date:

8/12/02



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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended by a petition and fee which was timely filed on August 12, 2002, Applicant elects WITH TRAVERSE group III, claims 22-24 of Examiners election restrictions.

REMARKS

Examiner has divided claims 1-13 into group I, claims 14-21, into group II, and claims 22-24 into group III. Applicant respectfully urges that the three groups are not unrelated, and should be examined together.

Groups I and II are related because, contrary to examiner's assertion, they are disclosed as capable of use together. Group I claims disclose coating combustible material with a silicon oxide layer. The plywood, wafer board or chip board of group II are combustible materials within the definition of Group I and therefore capable of use together. In addition claims 20 and 21 of Group II form a silicon oxide layer on said plywood, wafer board or chip board, thus the combustible